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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

Gunji et al

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/926,299

Examiner: Steadman

Filing Date: October 9, 2001

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1310

For: L-AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIUM
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO
ACID

Via Facsimile to: 703.872.9306

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIMEMail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, 1 month(s) to December 23, 2004.

☒ The period for response has previously been extended to November 23, 2004.

Please charge our deposit account 50-3077 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Shelly*
Shelly Guest Cermak
Registration No. 39,571U.S. P.T.O. Customer No. 38108
Ajinomoto Corporate Services LLC
1120 Connecticut Ave., Ste. 1010
Washington D.C. 20036
202.457.0284

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The following are submitted:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:
 - a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ii. ☒ Other: Amendment filed November 23, 2004
 - b. ☐ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - iv. ☐ Other
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Periods of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
 - b. ☐ Other
3. Fees - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - i. ☒ The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other

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- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

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